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SUBJ: AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY GRANTS

CUBANA PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR FLIGHTS TO AFRICA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1671 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. THE BARBADIAN AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) THAT IT HAD GRANTED CUBANA A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO OPERATE SCHEDULED SERVICES BETWEEN BARBADOS AND FREETOWN. (NO DOUBT THE FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE ON TO LUANDA.) THOUGH CUBANA HAD ASKED FOR A FIVE-YEAR LICENSE, THE ONE GRANTED WAS FOR THREE MONTHS ONLY (LIKE THOSE HELD BY AMERICAN AND EASTERN AIRLINES). IT WAS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THE LICENSE WOULD BE RENEWED WHEN IT EXPIRED UNTIL ATLA MADE A FINAL DECISION.

2. COMMENT: IN BRIDGETOWN 1591, WE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, WHICHEVER PARTY GAINED POWER IN THE THEN IMMINENT GENERAL ELECTION, THE TREND TO ENLARGE CONTACT WITH CUBA WOULD CONTINUE. ATLA'S ACTION IS EVIDENCE THAT, IF THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT IN CUBA'S DIRECTION, NEITHER HAS THERE

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BEEN ANY AWAY FROM IT. PERHAPS, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD NOT

BE GIVEN TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE AS AN INDICATION OF THE ADAMS
GOVERNMENT'S POLICY SINCE ATLA IS STILL OPERATING WITH AR
BOARD APPOINTED BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT.
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